

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baer. Applicants' invention provides a method for allowing electric sprayers to operate efficiently in such a way that performance is slightly reduced while maintaining spraying in the event the motor should reach an elevated temperature. Applicants invention as defined in claim 1 allows the unit to continue spraying but at a reduced pressure level which will reduce the temperature of the unit. There is no suggestion in Baer or any of the other references of record to this pressure stepdown in response to attainment of a predetermined temperature to allow continued spraying. In particular, Baer does not sense the temperature of the electric motor as claimed but rather senses the temperature of the hot water (Baer being a heated pressure washer) and shuts down the fuel pump motor when the water pressure exceeds a predetermined temperature (col. 4, lines 25-29). This interpretation still does not step the pressure down to a non-zero level allowing continued flow (spray) as claimed.

Claim 2 is respectfully submitted to be patentable for the reasons set forth with respect to claim 1 and additionally for the limitations set forth therein. Baer does not disclose the time delay claimed.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Breunsbach et al. Claims 3 and 4 are respectfully submitted to be patentable for the reasons set forth above and additionally for the limitations set forth therein. Breunsbach does not disclose changing variable speed control to on-off control in response to the temperature being reached.

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Similarly, claims 6 and 7 are respectfully submitted to be patentable for the reasons set forth with respect to claim 5 and additionally for the limitations set forth therein.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application as amended patentably distinguishes over the rejection of record

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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